

NOT SMOOTH SAILING

For the Judges at the Second Day of the Anaconda Races.

RULES MUST BE ENFORCED

Four Good Races and the Fifth Unfinished—A Bad Day for Favorites and a Good One for the Field.

The second day of the Anaconda Racing association brought out another large attendance. The weather was all that could be desired and with one exception the events passed off to the satisfaction of all concerned. The betting was much more lively than on the previous day, both in the amount and number of the pools. This was rather bad for the heavy bettors for they always backed a favorite and it was not by any means a good day for favorites. However, it is the fate of racing that even the knowing ones get caught sometimes and they generally manage to bear the losses without much of a roar.

There was a change in the personnel of the judges, Thos. Lawell, on account of a throat trouble, retiring in favor of A. C. Holmes. The time made in the races, especially the trotting events, does not seem low, but this was explained by Judge McNeir, who called attention to the fact that the horses were trotting in the center of the track because of the loose ground near the fence, and in spite of that in a couple of beats the time for the first $\frac{1}{4}$ was 33, equal to a 2:12 gait, and the half 1:09, equal to a 2:13, and these figures would have been reduced had the horses trotted in the ordinary place.

Before the first running race took place the jockeys were summoned to the stand and cautioned by Judge McNeir, who told them they must beware of too much jockeying, or of crowding, or any other act in violation of the rules, for the rules would surely be enforced to the letter.

The one incident of the day that was unpleasant not only to the audience but to the judges was the decision in the 2:16 trot. It seems harsh to the ordinary man that a horse which was in the lead for three beats should be set back to such an extent that he does not even get second place in the race. Yet this was the case with the horse Altos. In the first place the animal has an unfortunate mixed gait, something similar to that of a trotter after a few seconds of the race, and in the second place there is no question but that he broke and ran as accused. The judges are all competent men, they have no interest except to see that everything is conducted fairly and in accordance with rules, and there is no need of harshness unless they are enforced. The gentlemen occupy a stand which gives them a complete view of the entire track, they use powerful glasses and watch closely and are thus enabled to see things that escape the observation of the spectators in the grand stand.

In the running race, Altos was in the lead in order to be perfectly fair with the audience they quoted the rule under which they act, and it is as follows:

RULE 7. When any horse breaks from his gait in trotting or pacing, the rider or driver shall at once pull him to a stop, and if he fails to do so, the race shall be forfeited to the other side. If the horse comes out ahead, shall lose the heat; and whether such breaking horse comes out ahead or not, all other horses shall be placed ahead of him in that heat, and the judges shall have discretionary power to discontinue the race, or to suspend the rider or driver may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100, or by suspension not exceeding one year.

BANKERS STAKE

The first event of the day was running, Bankers' stake for 2-year-olds, stake \$750. For the event seven as likely youngsters as ever faced the flag started. They were: b. f. Marietta, entered by Hoag & Little; ch. f. Chinook, by Hoag & Little; ch. f. Chinook, by Spokane stables; ch. f. Chinook, by Spokane stables; ch. f. Chinook, by Spokane stables; ch. f. Chinook, by Spokane stables; ch. f. Chinook, by Spokane stables.

The horses were at the post at 2:30, but Chinook was so rank and ugly and behaved so badly that it was 40 minutes before they got a start and then it was a fairly good one. As they broke into line Dara had a short lead, with Model second and Sleeping Child third. At the three-quarter post Sleeping Child showed ahead, Model second and Dara third, but they had not got far into the stretch before positions were changed, Sleeping Child fell

back and leaving the battle between Model and Dara. Hennessy, who was up on Dara, made a splendid fight for first and though the finish was a close one, not over half a length, the odds were in favor of Model, who took first, Dara second and Sleeping Child third. Time 1:05 $\frac{1}{2}$. Mutuals paid \$11.60.

RUNNING SEVEN-EIGHTHS MILE.

The second event was running seven-eighths mile, purse \$300, for which there were ten starters: b. g. Red Leo, entered by C. Morth; b. h. Darvick, by Geo. Hennessy; m. m. Minnie Beach, by Randall & Burris; b. f. Periwinkle, by H. Elmberg; ch. g. St. Jacob, by E. McGinley; b. m. Misty Morn, by Jones & Payne; ch. f. Jennie Deane, by California stables; b. h. Steve Estes, by Marcus Daly; ch. m. Lonnie B, by Males & Bowley; b. h. St. Croix, by N. S. Hall. The pools for this race sold rapidly, Estes being the favorite at \$40, with Deane \$10, Misty Morn \$4, Lonnie B \$3, and the field \$3.

For so large a field the start was a remarkably quick and good one. At the jump Darvick had the best of it, with Misty Morn close at his heels and Estes somewhere in the bunch that followed. A little beyond the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile Darvick struck himself and fell back, Misty taking first place. Up the back stretch Estes showed some speed and started for first place, followed by one or two others of the group. Before the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile was reached places had changed considerably, and as the horses made into the home stretch Estes, Jennie Deane and St. Croix being in the van. There was a hot race for the wire, but St. Croix proved the victor, coming in first, Jennie Deane second, Steve Estes third. Time, 1:05 $\frac{1}{2}$. Mutuals paid, \$45.30.

SELLING RACE.

The third event was running $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, selling, purse \$250. For this the entries were, ch. m. Annie Moore, by W. Brown; ch. m. French Lady, by H. Pickering; br. g. Tom Teney, by J. Dempsey; gr. g. Vulcan, by Hayes & White; ch. f. Norlie, by N. S. Hall; b. m. Raindrop, by Jones & Payne. For this race there was very lively betting, the pool sellers being kept busy until the start in disposing of pools at the following rate: Annie Moore \$50, Norlie \$50, Raindrop \$25, field varying from \$16 to \$20.

In the start Annie had the lead with French Lady second and Norlie third. At the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile Norlie got to the front, Annie holding second and Teney third. These positions were unchanged at the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, but Vulcan had in the meantime managed to get near the bunch. As they were fairly into the stretch Annie was given her head and shot out again taking the lead and finishing first an easy winner by five lengths, Norlie second, Vulcan third. Time, 1:02.

Mutuals paid \$17.40. This was a selling race, the winner being rated at \$700. She was brought in front of the stand, Mr. McNeir acting as auctioneer. There were but two bidders, W. Brown, her owner, and N. S. Hall, and she was sold to the latter for \$1,000.

TROT 2:16 CLASS.

The fourth event was trotting 2:16 class for which the entries were: Higgins Bros. b. g. R. D. F.; P. J. Mann, Altos; D. G. Bricker, Ida D.; John McEvoy, Dan Velox. In the pools Velox and Altos were even, selling at \$50 each while the other two sold as a field at \$30.

First heat—There was considerable delay in getting started and after they had scored seven times the drivers were called up and notified that they must come down together as further scoring would not be tolerated. As they got to the stand the other three were well together but R. D. F. was a couple of lengths behind. Jefferys, who was driving the mare noted and the "go" was given. On the lower turn Ida managed to get into the bunch in good shape and before the half was reached she showed next to Velox who was in the lead. On the upper turn Altos again got second though the three were well together. The race down the stretch was an exciting one but Velox held the lead and finished first by a length, Ida D. second, Altos third. Time, 2:15.

Mutuals paid \$9.05. Second heat—The victory of Velox in the first heat had an appreciable effect on the betters, and the pools sold Velox \$20, field \$5 and \$5.

Velox half a length the best of it. The positions were not changed until the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile was reached, when Velox broke and Altos took first place and held it up the back stretch. At the half they were strung along, Altos, Velox, R. D. F., Ida D. On the upper turn there was no change in position, but the distance was increased and the horses were decreased. As they came into the stretch Velox had several lengths the worst of it, but he responded so nobly to the call of his driver that when the distance flag was reached it could not be told whether he or Altos had the best of it. The finish was a great one, but Altos had

the best of it by a neck. Velox second, R. D. F. third. Time, 2:22 $\frac{1}{2}$. Mutuals paid \$4.75.

Before the result was announced, McEvoy, the driver of Velox, entered a complaint that at the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile he had been cut off by Altos to such an extent that it had caused his horse to break and thus lose the heat. This was denied by Lindsay, the driver of Altos, and McKenney, the driver of Ida D., who called him. After hearing his statement the judges announced the complaint, said it had been verified by McKenney and then gave the heat to Velox, Altos second. The decision was very unfavorably received by a large portion of the audience, but was acquiesced in by Mr. Lindsay.

Third heat—In the third heat there was but little interest in the pools, Velox selling for \$10 and the field for \$3. The start was an even one for Velox and Altos, the others being a length in the rear. At the eighth Altos was in the lead with Velox second, Ida D. third. In this position they passed the quarter, but in a few seconds Altos broke and it was some seconds before he got down to his work, but the break did not displace him, for the half was passed with him still in the lead, Ida D. second and Velox third, the latter having lost a length by a slip and was now second. The judges had seen the breaks and running, and before announcing the decision read rule 76 of the National association, which provides that when a horse breaks and is not immediately pulled down he shall be set back for running. The decision was Ida D. first, Altos second, Velox third. Time, 2:21. Mutuals paid \$13.25.

Fourth heat—For this heat Velox sold in the pools for \$10 and the field for \$3. The start was a good one, Ida holding the lead to the half, with Velox and Altos in striking distance and R. D. F. in the rear. As the half was passed Altos broke and Velox took the lead. Ida made a break, but was soon caught. Around the upper turn and into the home stretch the three were close together with Velox still ahead. After they had got fairly into the stretch, Altos was driven up, got to the front and led the way down, passing under the wire some lengths ahead of Velox, Ida D. third. There was no complaint on the part of the drivers this time, but the judges had taken note of the running of Altos and announced that rule 76 again applied and the horses were placed. Velox first, Altos second, Ida D. third. Time, 2:22. This time the race to Velox, second money to Ida D. third to Altos.

This decision was greeted with an uproar of disapproval from the grand stand which lasted a few moments, but as it had no effect the noise subsided.

TROTTING AND PACING.

The fifth event of the day was a race open to both trotters and pacers, best 3 in 5, purse \$500. For this the entries were: C. E. Taft, b. h. Prince Almont, Edward Pyle, b. h. Robbie F., and Mrs. Thomas Raymond, b. v. Klamath. In the pools the betting was largely in favor of Robbie, the odds being Robbie \$40, field 15.

First heat—There was but little trouble in getting a send off and before the lower turn was reached Robbie had taken a short lead which he maintained throughout the entire mile. Robbie was closely followed by Klamath with Almont a bad third. The two leading horses made the mile without a skip and were placed, Robbie P. first, Klamath second, Prince Almont third. Time, 2:10 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Second heat—The result of the first heat renewed the confidence of the bettors of Robbie, and he sold in the pools for \$40 to \$12 for the field. The start was again a good one, and at the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile Robbie was a length ahead, and up the back stretch he increased the lead. At the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile Klamath began to show his speed, and when the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile was reached he had colored Robbie and he sold in the pools for \$40 to \$12 for the field. The start was again a good one, and at the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile Robbie was a length ahead, and up the back stretch he increased the lead. At the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile Klamath began to show his speed, and when the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile was reached he had colored Robbie and he sold in the pools for \$40 to \$12 for the field. The start was again a good one, and at the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile Robbie was a length ahead, and up the back stretch he increased the lead. 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